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Response To Office Action Dated March 9, 2006 and Terminal Disclaimer for  
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## RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED MARCH 9, 2006

In response to the Office Action dated March 9, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on June 9, 2006, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 09-0465/ROC920030127US1 the amount of \$130.00 for the Terminal Disclaimer (Form SB25 enclosed) fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d), and for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

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